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SRI A. RATNAM :—"தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் எந்தெந்த பகுதிகளில் ரேடியோக்கள் சர்க்காரால் அமைக்கப்பட்டன என்று அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்லுவாரா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, are these radio receiving sets locally assembled or are they foreign-made radio receiving sets ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Most of them are locally assembled, Sir."

Appointment of social workers in the Government Hospitals in the City.

* 848 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any social workers are appointed in the Government Hospitals in the City of Madras to guide the patients and to advise the hospital authorities regarding the needs of the patients, etc. ;

(*b*) whether any guides other than social workers are appointed and if so, how many and what their terms of appointment are ;

(*c*) how many honorary visitors among social workers were selected in the City of Madras; and

(*d*) whether the Government doctors are advised to co-operate with the social workers?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. In the Government General Hospital, the Stanley Hospital and the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Members belonging to the Red Cross Society, Guild of Service and Women's Welfare Association visit some of the hospitals as and when they find it convenient in the capacity of Honorary Social Workers.

" (*d*) Yes, Sir."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Health whether these honorary visitors and social workers are visiting hospitals regularly and whether they are submitting any reports? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, social workers are permanently employed and they have to go to hospitals at regular hours. But in regard to the honorary social workers it is left to their own convenience."

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SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, have the Government got any proposal to appoint such social workers at least in the Headquarters Hospital of the districts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no such proposal at present, Sir."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சென்னை ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் இருக்கிற Social workers என்ன வேலை செய்கிறார்கள் ? "

May I know what work the social workers are turning out? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In the three city hospitals mentioned, they are attached to the venereal section of the hospitals. They visit the houses of the patients, trace contacts, advise them to have treatment and ask them to avoid re-infection."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Do these social workers receive any remuneration and are they full-time workers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, they are allowed the scale of Rs. 85—150, the pay admissible for nurses. In addition, they are given house rent allowance, conveyance allowance, dhobi allowance, uniform allowance, etc."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of social workers attending the hospital during visiting hours a table being allotted to them in a prominent place, so that people may go to them and seek their advice? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I suppose all necessary arrangements are now made."

Inclusion of M.L.As. in the District Harijan Welfare Committees.

* 849 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly are not included in the District Harijan Welfare Committees;

(*b*) whether there are any district committees for the selection of Harijan students as boarders in the Harijan hostels of the respective districts, and if so, the strength of each committee; and

(*c*) whether the Manager of a Harijan hostel can admit students at his own discretion?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The selection of members to the District Harijan Welfare Committees is made with reference to the interest taken by the candidates in the Harijan welfare work. It is not possible to select all Members of the Legislature as the number of non-official members of the committee is limited.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No."